http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/

# Math

The math program we use in my classroom is called Touch Math. It is a multisensory approach to teaching your child their foundational math skills and applying these strategies to the general math curriculum. It is a fun program that is individualized based on where your child is at. We also work on Fastt Math to improve your child’s math fluency. 15 minutes a day really makes a huge impact! Here is a free online math game site that your child can use!

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

Getting your child to read daily is a large goal in my classroom. To stay accountable for their daily reading, they will respond in a reading response journal (RRJ) which is due weekly. In response to their letters, I write a letter back about their response and my own reading. I encourage you to read with your child and monitor their RRJs as they can become overwhelming if done at the last moment and when your child is not reading daily. Reading daily will help with your child’s overall comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency!

This year, I have a new writing program that I will implement. It is a structured, multisensory program that really works on sentence structure, grammar, and eventually paragraph structure. I can’t wait to start this program and see how your child’s writing skills will improve. Look out for the Framing your Thoughts handouts and ask your child what they learning!

Free Graphic Organizers:

<http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>

# Writing

# Reading

I am so excited to start another school year! I hope you and your families had a great summer filled with fun, adventures, sun, relaxations, and some good old summer reading!

Both the students and teachers seem to be getting back into the routine of things with waking up early, scheduling, taking tests, and switching classes.

I want to first welcome our new 5th graders and families as well as some new 6th graders that joined our school community this year!

I would like to introduce and reintroduce my class newsletter to all the new families I will be working with. I aim to write a newsletter each quarter providing information on the happenings of my class pertaining to curriculum, strategies, technology, and useful tips that you could use to work with your child at home. It is my purpose to be helpful and informative as well as create better communication between home and school. I also encourage your feedback with comments, questions, and anything else you would like to share with me after reading the newsletter. I do provide a feedback form which I would like to be returned to ensure you have received and read the newsletter!

# Welcome Back!

Back to   
School!

banner with apples and crayons

apple with pencil

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**No School-Teacher Professional Day**

Tuesday, September 13

**Back to School Night**

Thursday, September 15 from 7:00-8:30

**Channel Surfing Begins**

Monday, September 19

**No School- Rosh Hashanah**

Thursday, September 29

**Early Release Day**

October 5-12:30

**No School- Columbus Day**

Monday, October 10

The following are ways you can support the classroom:

* I have tennis balls I would like to be cut to be put on the bottom of chairs!
* Help creating labels/stickers for all my classroom library books!
* **Supplies Needed:**
  + Electric Heavy Duty Pencil Sharpener
  + Headphones
  + Lysol/Clorox Wipes
  + Tissue
  + Colored dots stickers
  + Book bins
  + Pens/Pencils

#### Classroom Support Options!

## Upcoming Events

## Reminders to Parents

* Check your child’s agenda book for notes and that assignments are written
* Monitor reading and RRJs
* Use wikispaces for information on technology and assignments from Student Support

Technology is a great tool for learning and accessing curriculum. I highly encourage the use of technology and have many tools that I use with the students. If you are unfamiliar with some of the resources, I am more than willing to sit with your to show you or you can visit the parent wikispace I co-created with Jeanette Beal, our AT specialist.

<http://edaccesstoolkit.wikispaces.com/>

You can also visit my wikispace to get the latest assignments and resources from my classroom. I also post all rubrics and teacher created materials there if your child forgets or loses their materials.

<https://mslevi.wikispaces.com/>

## Reminders to Students

* Read daily for 30 minutes or 20 pages
* Practice math facts daily
* Make sure everything is written in your agenda book

# Technology

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